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(U) The Director of the Office of International Organizations and Conferences at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed Post on November 2nd that she had passed a decision memo to the Foreign Minister recommending that Panama oppose "no-action" motions and support country-specific resolutions in consonance with U.S. priorities (reftel). Based on Panama's historical voting record and the human rights situation in the specific countries, she was certain the Foreign Minister would approve the recommendation.

(U) The Director said that Panama did not yet have enough information to take a position on the subject of defamation of religions. GILMOUR